

Remarks

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with examination of the group I invention and the associated claims 1-7 and 9-33. Dependent claim 8 is provisionally withdrawn from consideration pending allowance of the independent claim 1 from which it depends. At such time, claim 8 should be allowed to issue in the application as being dependent on an allowed independent claim. Claims 1-33 remain pending in this application.

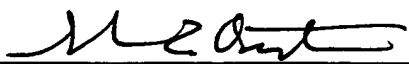
Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-33 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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